

**PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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For: METHOD FOR SUPPORTING THE COMMUNICATION OF INFORMATION VIA A  
COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

6. (Amended)Method according to claim 1, wherein the offer submitted by one of the electronic agents in response to such a prompt, through interaction within the framework of the electronic marketplace, specifies to the service unit one or more conditions for this communication.

7. (Amended)Method according to claim 4, wherein one or more conditions specify the nature and manner of the communication of the information.

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8. (Amended)Method according to claim 4, wherein one or more conditions specify the charging of the communication of the information.

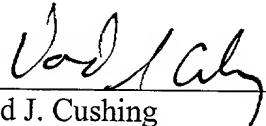
11. (Amended)Method according to claim 1, wherein criteria specified by the respective network operator relate to the network loading of the network operator.

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REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

6. (Amended)Method according to ~~Claim 1 or Claim 4~~claim 1, wherein the offer submitted by one of the electronic agents in response to such a prompt, through interaction within the framework of the electronic marketplace, specifies to the service unit one or more conditions for this communication.
7. (Amended)Method according to ~~Claim 4 or Claim 6~~claim 4, wherein one or more conditions specify the nature and manner of the communication of the information.
8. (Amended)Method according to ~~Claim 4, Claim 6 or Claim 7~~claim 4, wherein one or more conditions specify the charging of the communication of the information.
11. (Amended)Method according to ~~Claim 1 or Claim 10~~claim 1, wherein criteria specified by the respective network operator relate to the network loading of the network operator.